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March 16, 1981

Mr. Richard A. Dye  
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LaSal, Utah 84530

RE: ~~Probe and Snow Mines~~  
ACT/015/011 & ACT/015/013  
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dye:

Thank you for addressing the Division's concerns relative to the pipeline and water treatment facility of the above referenced mines. After reviewing the files, it has come to the Division's attention that there may still be some concern regarding the treatment and quality of the mine water discharge as outlined in the May 12, 1980 letter from the Division of State Health to Atlas Minerals. In order that we may update our files and clarify the situation, please submit a copy of any revised plans for treatment of the discharge water and a copy of any associated permit approvals.

Upon further review of our files, it was discovered that Atlas' December 10, 1979 requests for amendments to the Probe and Snow mines' Mining and Reclamation Plans were never responded to by the Division. I apologize for this oversight and hope that it has not caused any major inconveniences for Atlas Minerals. The Division hereby issues approval to these modifications as presented in Atlas' December 10, 1979 letters.

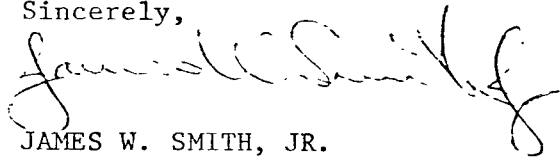
However, please be advised that the reclamation surety amounts may be reevaluated to reflect the additional disturbed acreages, as well as a change in the rate of inflation. This can be accomplished subsequent to the Board's approval of an acceptable revised surety contract agreement, so that all of Atlas' mines can be updated and covered by the same surety agreement.

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As soon as a revegetation test plot program proposal has been developed, submission of the proposal to the Division for review and comment prior to initiation would be very beneficial.

It is the Division's desire to finalize all of Atlas Minerals' mining operations as smoothly and expeditiously as possible. Your patience and continued cooperation in accomplishing this goal is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James W. Smith, Jr.", written in dark ink.

JAMES W. SMITH, JR.  
COORDINATOR OF MINED  
LAND DEVELOPMENT

JWS/btm